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WAS BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. A. G. Arrington Fire Victim Alone When Discovered Almost Charred.

The community was shocked to a stand still Tuesday morning when word was quickly passed that Mrs. A. G. Arrington had been burned practically to a crisp by her clothing being set on fire in some unexplained manner while all but herself were absent for a short time from their home.

Her husband had left home soon after breakfast to get some garden tool, and about 8:30 or 8:45 her husband returned and going around the house, heard his wife call for Jesse, one of her granddaughters. He answered her that she had gone to school, he having passed the two girls on the road near home. She told him to come quick. He went into the house and found her standing in the doorway between their sleeping room and the kitchen, trying to wrap a sheet around her nude, charred form. She told him to get the soda and he, noticing that she was smoked black from her shoulders to her knees, looked for the soda and found that it had been dropped to the floor. He got her on the bed and she had him put more covering over her and sprinkle her with soda. He dusted soda all over her at her direction and she talked to him all the time saying that her sleeve had caught on fire and she could not put it out. He said he would call a doctor and she objected saying she would be alright in a short time, but he lost no further time phoning for a physician who came in a few minutes and applied what remedies he had with him and returning to a drug store for more, brot another physician with him and together they did all that could be done for the alleviation of the pain inevitable from hard baked flesh all over her body and limbs.

She must have been sitting by the cook stove when her clothing became ignited and suffering for several days with a sort of vertigo at times, been unable at once to extinguish the fire, she rushed to a tub of water in the rear and managed in some maraculous manner considering her condition, to get some relief. She tore a small fragment of the upper body and sleeve of her close fitting under suit and a small piece of the lower portion of the suit from her shoulders and ankles and rushed for a sheet to wrap about her and had just got back into the house when her husband came. Evidently she did not know just how her clothing became ignited, but repeated that her sleeve had caught fire and she couldn't put it out. She was so badly burned that it was plain that all sense of pain had been practically taken from her, tho she desired to be turned from one side to the other almost constantly.

At four o'clock Wednesday morning she expired, the wonder being that she could possibly have survived so long.

Bettie, daughter of Robert and Millicent Franklin, was born at Concord Depot, Virginia, Jan. 7, 1843, and was united with Albert G. Arrington, a soldier in Stonewall Jackson's command, November 22, 1865, and to the union came Mrs. Wortie Hoel, Mrs. Jessie Shumaker, deceased, A. F. Arrington and Mrs. Edmonia M. Wells who resides in California. In addition to these survivors are her husband and 12

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Jordan Takes The Cake

The closing exercises at Jordan school, west of this city called together a larger assembly than perhaps will be seen on such an occasion any where else in the county. It was very unusual and as much of a surprise to the neighborhood and the teachers as the visitors from a distance. The house contained fully 250 and there were many more on the outside who could get no standing room.

Besides music there was a good serio, comic play, "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard" and the various parts in the play were unusually well rendered. It appeared to be the sentiment of the audience outside as well as in, that Miss Jennie Nolting, the old woman in the play, was the star, while Miss Zelma Billups in the character of the adopted daughter acquitted her self like an old timer on the stage. Charlie Isle was the funny man and sure enough funny and Herbert Foster as the punk daddy aroused some suspicion for the future. Martin Courtney as a widower took his cue from the performances of one near Brunswick and of course brot down the house.

Denton Grotjan's selections on the violin surprised all as well as supplying a delightful part of the entertainment.

Whatever may be pulled off at Jordan in the future, last Friday night will live in the memory of all who attended as being a great success.

Asbury Home-Coming

If you are now or ever have been interested in Asbury church, bring your lunch and come prepared to stay all day, Sunday, May 14.

There will be an all-day program of sermons, speeches and music. The Dalton Orchestra will furnish special music and there will be many other numbers on the program that will make the day worth while. Sunday school begins at ten o'clock. We hope to make this Asbury Home-coming an annual affair, for we believe there is no church in Chariton county that has more friends than the one named for our first Methodist bishop, Francis Asbury.

Respectfully,
H. D. Marlin, Pastor.

Guilty Your Honor—\$23.50

"What say you, guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty, your honor."

"\$23.50 please. Next."

A short dialogue between the mayor of Salisbury and a "few callers," at his office Tuesday. The "callers" to the number of eleven, and there are a few to call later, were charged with rolling the bones or dealing the cards, with a few pennies on the side to make it interesting, however, against the peace and dignity of the city. Accordingly Marshall Simmons escorted the boys to the mayor's court, where the above dialogue took place. The city got \$20 and the officers split the \$3.50.—Press Spectator.

P. O. Vancancy

The Civil Service Commission examination at Carrollton Wednesday for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the post office at Snyder. The usual conditions obtained, and just who will be the lucky man, we are not yet advised. For the present, A. W. Hise is filling the place, the regular man having quit the job, and it is likely that Mr. Hise will continue to hand out the mail at that point.

Irwin Lusher and Robert Evans of Salisbury were calling on Keytesville friends Sunday.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

Million Fighting at Verdun Advantage Shifts Daily U. Boats Active.

Renewed efforts by German army to capture Verdun have been partially successful tho the taking of the principal hill has been so far prevented by the French. The war in the far east is not so fierce since the capture by Turks of an entire British army, but the Dual Monarchy and its allies are more than holding their own everywhere. Many ships have been sunk in the past week tho the number not nearly so great as the week before. The Cymric is the last victim of a German torpedo, it is claimed, sunk with a million dollars worth of munitions for allies. No Americans aboard and claimed to have sunk without warning. Austrians are holding Italian army numerically much stronger and half of the French army, nearly eight hundred thousand men, are defending Verdun.

French loss by German artillery is said to be enormous. Rebellion in Ireland about wiped out, tho the nation is incensed at the execution of leaders in the rebellion against general conscription.

MEXICO

More soldiers are being rushed to the border and skirmishes between U. S. Soldiers and Mexicans occur every day. The situation is such that President Wilson is seriously considering intervention. The consensus of opinion favors immediate intervention and by the time we go to press again, we may be full tilt among Mexicans with the determination to settle the question without further delay.

Gardner Extending Efforts

Col. Fred D. Gardner was in Washington City last week being consulted upon a practical rural credit system for the whole country and it is possible that the Government bill will be patterned after the Missouri Land Bank Bill. Saturday Col. Gardner had an interview with President Wilson, who is heartily in favor of a practical rural credit system. While certain low browed politicians are fighting and misrepresenting the Land Bank, Col. Gardner is bending every effort to benefit and do justice to the farmers of the whole land. We hardly believe that the farmers will have the wool pulled over their eyes by single tax lies evidently emanating from Jefferson City.—Johnson County Democrat.

73rd Birthday

Capt. Louis Benecke of Brunswick celebrated his 73rd birthday Monday of last week. There are few better preserved men of that age in the state, mentally and physically, and few possessed of more data concerning local and general subjects.

Louis A. Benecke of St. Louis came home to assist in the celebration.

H. R. Mason, District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge, writes that a meeting of Chariton county will be held at Brunswick in the near future. Most Worshipful Grand Master Jesse of Kirkwood, Mo., will be present, and work in the third degree will be exemplified by a team selected from the various Masonic lodges of the county. All Masons should watch for announcement of definite date and arrange to attend this meeting.—Brunswick.

May Term Circuit Court

Following it the petit jury:
Bee Branch—J. F. Wilson.
Bowling Green—Louis Miller, Ed Yunghein.
Brunswick—John Strub, Jr., Chas. Robinson.
Chariton—H. S. Locke, Henry Rohwer.
Clark—C. W. Riley.
Cockrell—Jesse McCloud.
Cunningham—A. M. Dougherty, E. W. House.
Keytesville—L. W. Hansman, W. R. Dotson.
Mendon—G. K. Laughlin, Mike McClelland.
Missouri—George Young.
Musselfork—Rob Guthrie.
Salisbury—John Riley, George T. Johnson.
Salt Creek—P. P. Morris, Jr.
Triplett—John Triplett, William Wehlgemuth.
Yellow Creek—C. K. Mauzey.

Monday, May 15, 1916.

- 1 State of Missouri vs. Clarence Syler; parole continued.
- 2 State of Missouri vs. Sturl Rogers; parole continued.
- 3 Wm. Brandt vs. R. E. Hurt et al; injunction.
- 4 State of Missouri vs. Clarence Rafferty; parole continued.
- 5 State of Missouri vs. Robert Fuller; mistrial and continued.
- 6 W. S. Stephens et al vs. C. H. Stephens et al; continued to await sheriff's report of distribution.
- 7 William Kaneer et al vs. Gilla Graham et al; continued to await sheriff's report of distribution.
- 8 Robert Hecke et al vs. George Hecke et al; transferred as per stipulation.

Tuesday, May 16, 1916.

- 9 State of Missouri vs. Jim Bushnell; violating local option law.
- 10 State of Missouri vs. Sam Williams; continued.
- 11 State of Missouri vs. Clyde Pearson; continued.
- 12 State of Missouri vs. Frank Sparks; continued.
- 13 State of Missouri vs. John Hickley; continued.
- 14 State of Mo. vs. John Smith; continued.
- 15 State of Mo. vs. Jack Adams; continued.
- 16 State of Mo. vs. Ben Prather; continued.
- 17 State of Mo. vs. Milam Richardson; continued.
- 18 State of Missouri vs. Ed Forest; to issue alias capias and continued.
- 19 Bessie Evans vs. Clyde Evans; continued by agreement.
- 20 State of Mo. vs. Paul McClair; parole continued.
- 21 Soren Peter Sorenson; naturalization papers.

Wednesday, May 17, 1916.

- 25 Fannie V. Hawkins vs. Washington C. Bullock et al; suit to quiet title.
- 26 J. M. Perry & Son vs. Charles Baxley; continued for want of sufficient service.
- 27 J. C. Coleman vs. Mollie Wheeler; continued.
- 28 Howard Potts vs. E. W. Herring et al; continued.
- 29 Laura E. Sterner vs. J. H. Smith.
- 30 Bettie Agee vs. Martha Jackson; continued.
- 31 James E. Colson et al vs. Henry Litcher et al; continued.
- 32 Ora Ehrhardt et al vs. Thomas E. Scott et al; partition.

Thursday, May 18, 1916.

- 33 Warner Ford vs. Edward B. Pryor; continued.
- 34 John D. Taylor vs. Harvey W. Perkins, et al; continued.
- 35 A. L. Duncan et al vs. Unknown heirs of Thomas Langrell et al; suit to quiet title.
- 36 Oscar Wood et al vs. Theodore P. Wood; partition.
- 37 Frank Moritz vs. William Logan et al; suit to quiet title.
- 38 S. D. Townsend et al vs. Benj. Cross et al; suit to quiet title.
- 39 O'Keefe Bros Grocery Co. vs. Northwestern Nat'l Ins. Co. of Milwaukee; transferred from Salisbury.
- 40 John J. Elliott vs. Anna Britt et al; partition.
- 41 F. C. Sasse vs. George W. Barkwell.
- 42 Thomas Hall vs. Thomas Tharp; transferred from Salisbury on stipulations filed.
- 43 J. B. Zimmerman vs. First National Bank of Brunswick, same.
- 44 Same vs. same; same.
- 45 Viola N. Hepworth et al ex parte; partition.
- 46 J. C. Norman et al vs. George W. Helter et al.

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SALISBURY BOY KILLED

Jumping on Train, Fell Under. Both Legs are Cut off. Two Others.

Horrible accident: Clarence Richardson, son of Tom Richardson, the shoe man, met a horrible death at Clifton Hill Friday morning, while attempting to board a moving freight train, both of his legs being cut off, and being otherwise injured, death occurring a few hours after being brought to this place and after the amputation of his limbs. He had spent the night with a friend in or near Clifton, and intended coming home on the passenger that arrives here at 6:38 a. m. but missing that attempted to board a through freight, with the result above stated. Clarence was a boy of much promise, about 17 1-2 years old, and his untimely and tragic death is greatly regretted and his parents have the sympathy of a host of friends. We tender our condolence to the grief stricken parents and hope the God of all grace will soften the blow to them as time passes on.

At Chillicothe Wednesday another young man about the age of Richardson, while jumping trains, met with exactly the same kind of disaster, and also another at Carrollton Saturday.

Grant Hurt, Jr., Seriously Ill

Mrs. G. B. Hurt, of near New Hope church, left today (Thursday) to be at the bedside of her son, Grant, Jr., who is seriously sick with a fever. He is at the home of his brother, John, down in the state of Louisiana and his many friends here are hoping for a speedy improvement in his condition.—Press Spectator.

Some Leading Country Schools

In first one way and another we managed to get some data concerning some of the country schools which we give. It was our purpose to get some statistics from all the schools in the county and publish them, but the crowded condition of our columns for weeks has been such that we could not go strong. The little data we have secured is as follows:

Dist. 122—Mrs. Maude Forrest closed week before last, average attendance 23. Mrs. Forrest employed to teach at Salisbury. Miss Zudia Carlstead is her successor.

Dist. 124—Miss Kate Gallemore teacher, average attendance 13½, one tardy. Miss Katherine will teach in Howard the next year.

Dist. 99—Jas. Hartgrove, 20 average attendance. Reemployed Dist. 98—Miss Izora Smith. Average attendance 28, one of the model buildings. F. W. Knott next year, Miss Smith not expecting to teach.

No. 117—Miss Ethel Wells teacher. Average 19, no tardy. Miss Wells to Howard Co. next year. Recognized one of the best teachers in the county. Miss Alfreda Lehnhoff successor.

No. 118—Miss Nora Cuddy teacher. Average 12, no tardy. Reemployed.

Dist. 69—Miss Susie Horton teacher, average 32. One of the first class schools and well equipped. Bessie Atherton, successor.

Dist. 31—C. W. Brewer teacher, Average 35. This is the Johnson school and is recognized among the best conducted in the county.

Dist. 25—Westville, Neal Stark teacher, average 33. Necessity for another room growing.

Dist. 138—Abolt, Miss Adriane Von Pfleger teacher, average 38. School has splendid reputation.

Ditch Navigable

Victor Grove of New Cambria sold Mr. Swigart who owns the Salisbury ranch north of that city, 32000 pounds of drain tile and delivered it on flat boats at the ranch Friday, having used the Chariton ditch for waterway. The current in the ditch is swift and the water deep, and the trip was made in a hurry.

From any point up the ditch, shipping is good at present, the water being deep enough to float any ordinary scow no matter how heavily loaded. Almost anything could be transported to points along the ditch or to the Missouri river, and until the bars and snags are removed from that invaluable, if put in condition, water way, would have to stop there. Fix the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, around thru the Panama and Pacific.

Lawrence Sigloch has accepted a position with the Brumhall drug store in Salisbury.

The Mule Kicked

Walter R. Myers, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Myers, Sr., was painfully hurt last Saturday afternoon, when he was kicked in the face by a big work mule. Walter was shearing the animal, when it blazed away in true mule fashion, the blow striking Walter on the jaw, cutting a considerable gash, a making a very painful bruise. He has been confined to his bed since, and has been under the care of a physician. We hope to see him out soon.—Brunswick.

Geo. and S. J. Hall of Geneva, Neb., and their wives are guests for a few days of their sister, Mrs. A. Schupback north of town.

Government Gets Your Hands

Government through the U. S. Department of Labor is helping to bring the jobless together by means of distributing branches located widely throughout the country. The work is of incalculable benefit.

"The government inspector in charge of these branches stand ready at all times to help farmers and others in want of farm help to get in touch with men and women in search of farm work, farms for rental, etc."

Earl Dempsey of Triplett was a caller here Sunday.

High School Notes

Rev. Byerly addressed the high school Friday.

Principal Cowles will go to St. Louis the latter part of the week.

Some anxiety is felt about the grade cards which will be issued soon. It is too late to feel concerned.

Two of the athletes walked to Jordan Friday night and most of the way back. They didn't have to but—

Charles Bondurant and George Hooper will leave Friday for Columbia to take part in the athletics.

Ten essays on Shakespeare were sent to the English department of the Kirksville Normal to be graded in the contest for the medal and we hope to win.

A number of the freshmen and sophs went to the commencement at Jordan Friday night and on the way managed to get stuck in the mudhole near the Daily farm. Miss Ruth Gilbert was chaperone.

Eighth grade pupils from the country will be welcomed next fall and they should come to this school rather than take the ninth grade in the country for the reason that they do not get credit for the grade taken in the country.